

Covid Narrative May 17, 2021

Anthony Vegnani of the Select Board said landscaping trucks should not be blocking roadways when they park on the street.

He also asked residents to adhere to the water restrictions that went into effect on May 1. Watering is allowed from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. Irrigation systems can run one day a week according to voting precinct.

Town-wide use of water jumped this week from 430,000 gallons a day to 640,000 gallons.

The annual Town Election is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., this Saturday, at Scituate High School.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31. Stay tuned for more details on a celebration planned at Scituate High School.

The Senior Center officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. Appointments at the center are encouraged but not required.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said the CDC has issued new mask-wearing guidelines. Visit: [mass.gov/covid](https://www.mass.gov/covid) for the latest state guidelines on masks. Gov. Baker announced new state guidelines at his press conference today (Monday, May 17).

Plans to further relax Covid restrictions on May 29 have been in the works. If Covid numbers continue to go down, the state could fully lift restrictions on August 1.

Covid vaccinations are now offered for anyone aged 12 and older. Those aged 17 and under, must get the Pfizer vaccine. The Moderna vaccine has not been approved for those under 18.

The state mass vaccination sites are now open for walk-ins. The Marshfield Fairgrounds are open for drive-ups without an appointment. Appointments at Marshfield can still be made on the Town of Marshfield website.

Boudreau said the town continues to trend in the right direction with 10 new Covid cases over the past week; that is up from 9 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 1.49 percent over the last 14 days. Scituate continues to be "green" on the state Covid map, meaning the town is in the lowest risk category.

The Peggotty Beach parking lot base coat has been applied. The entire parking lot is not being paved, only the parts that were damaged from storms. FEMA grants are paying for the project. The parking lot will be open by Memorial Day.

The Cole Parkway marina project is complete, apart from the overlook that needs work, and installing utilities.

The Cedar Point sewer project is nearing completion. Over the next couple of weeks, the contractors will be cleaning up and adding loam to lawns that were damaged. The roads will be paved in the fall, once the patches settle.

The water main project on Bailey's Causeway in Minot has started. Water quality and water pressure will be greatly improved once that project is complete.

Superintendent of Schools William Burkhead said there were three new Covid cases over the past week. He noted that the full return to in-person school with mitigation strategies has been handled well.

Outdoor activities including sports, musical events and celebrations for seniors are being held.

Burkhead praised the community banner project along First Parish Road that recognizes all Scituate seniors including those who attend private schools.